

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Final Minutes

Date: Mon. June 21, 2021, Zoom
Present: Bob Mitchell, Matt Sear, John Fisher, Eric Becker, Ted VanderWart, Sue Brookes, Christof Dietzfelbinger, Jeff McKay
Absent: Ron sends regrets
Chair: Matt
Recording: Sue

Next Meeting: September 20, 2021
Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Organizational

Motion: all in favour of adoption of the Apr. 19, 2021 minutes.
Agenda items were reviewed and we added a minute to talk about website development.

Financial Report

- no report

Terms of Reference

Link to the CRB terms of reference document dated 2015
http://bvcrb.ca/images/uploads/documents/BVCRB_Terms_of_Reference_June_16,_2015.pdf.

Action Item:**

All Directors are to review and consider how to update the terms of reference for the fall of 2021.
If there is a more current copy please send to Sue for posting. Sue to link it up to the 'about' section of the website.

Serb Creek, Special Management Zone 2,

- This topic is with reference to the April 2021 meeting where BCTS discussed how they would meet certain aspects of the LRMP. It might be possible Curtis Paul may be off the job. Jan 1, 2022.
- Karen Price was asked about what kind of old growth there is in the Serb and what is her opinion on logging? She would like a shape file, then she could respond. She has been previously asked for the same assessment of the Bulkley TSA and responded she doesn't have the time available to do this.
- If there is a lot of ESSF (Engleman spruce sub alpine fir) a classification of a macro climate, then we can manage it. An HLPO may have better measurements of different age classes but different definitions of old growth apply.
- We need a clear picture of old growth in the TSA. We need to know the inventory layer and have it grouped into categories by age. The process by which we achieve this is similar to the production of a State of the Forest report. Dave Daust was asked for this but is also very busy. The SMZ2 should be able to produce a shape file for the Serb but without knowing the context or the full picture of the TSA it may not be useful.
- An announcement of harvest will appear in the local newspaper and at that time you can ask for more information regarding the land base.
- To get an amendment to the FSP for the Serb might require a copy of our minutes. Our April minutes are on the record.

Action Item:**

Christof will ask BCTS if they are they applying for an FSP amendment.

Seymour Ridge Trail:

- it's been 5 weeks since work has begun on the trail
- the trail has been closed but there isn't a lot of activity possibly because of a need for fire crew labour and they are now deployed elsewhere.

Kalum PIC:

- May's meeting was cancelled in lieu of a Zoom meeting with the Kalum group. From this came further discussion:
 - Julie Hill (Executive Assistant) is coordinating a meeting with the Kalum LRMP and MLA Nathan's office. We hope to piggy back on that and expect it to happen at some point over the summer or September.
- A director reported on his meeting with Nathan. The current and future role of the CRB in land use planning is unknown.

State of the Forest Report:

- According to Cam Bentley, the BC government has no interest in delivering this assessment. A SSAF, to measure values across the landscape, (some sort of cumulative effect assessment) is between First Nations and the province. 5 values have been identified. The governments are jointly coming up with their own metrics on health. Their land base includes overlapping territories, unlike our land base. Matt can send a list of values and initial reports.
- The CRB is built on the LRMP, not on these new or other values. In fact typically there are no values in an HLPO just objectives and strategies. HLPO's fail in delivering protection of values since it is operational. The LRMP process has provided the CRB with Social Licence. The CRB has no legal status and is not registered as a non profit or charity.
- Without this report it seems we have no other way forward in terms of protection of old growth. Can we piece meal a report together by using industry's implementation and HLPO planning?

Tyee WHMA:

No updates.

Telkwa Coal:

No updates. A newsletter is out today. Does this project fall under a new federal decision not to approve any more thermal mines? It shouldn't
Telkwa has a semi soft cooking coal - their process is different and part of a cooking blend.

Action Item**: Ted will look into it

Telkwa Caribou GAR Order - Timber Supply Impact Offsets:

No updates.

Wildlife Habitat Management Areas:

No updates.

Canfor/Reiseter Crk FOI Request:

- It took 4 years to resolve, 2017, C&E looked into and agreed there was a breach of the LRMP Visual Quality Objective, recently Jevan Hanchard also looked at it and agreed there was a breach. He made an OTBH for Lowell Johnson, the licence holder. No forester was named.
- their comments named a contravention of sec 21 of the forest range practices act.
- Eventually Lowell paid the fine of \$3000.
- Bob's complaint is still unanswered. This was also filed in early 2018.
- Directors agree it's good to see the determination although the amount of \$3000 is a small penalty.
- The FSP board complaints were rejected.
- The FOI request was going to cost too much.
- All in all an unsatisfactory process.

Action Items**:

Sue to follow up on website development

- talk to Phil Briennesse re: a migration of data and new set up in Expression Engine

- ask Simon about a padlock
- the board wants to post the results of the VQO complaints on FACEBOOK so how do we do this?
- talk to Simon about social licence organizations and tech soup application

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm